SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Sir, I am not satisfied with the answer of the hon. Minister. I would like to bring to the attention of the hon. Minister that school drop out rate still remains very high. In 2002-03, the school drop out rate was 33.7 per cent at the primary school level and 53.5 per cent at the upper primary school level. It is very alarming. What steps does the Government propose to take in this regard?

श्री मोहम्मद अली अशरफ फातमी: सर, यह तो लिटरेसी के संबंध में क्वैश्चन है और आप ड्रॉप-आउट की बात कर रहे हैं Sir, the question relates to literacy rate. But he is asking about school drop out rate.

श्री सभापति: आप के पास जो जवाब हो, वह दे दीजिए।

श्री मोहम्मद अली अशरफ फातमी: सर, जो लिट्रेसी रेट है, मुल्क में लिट्रेसी बढ़ाने के लिए बहुत से कदम उठाए जा रहे है। उसमें सर्व शिक्षा अभियान एक पार्ट है और उसके तहत बच्चों को स्कूल की तरफ ले जाना एक मकसद है। लिट्रेसी बढ़ाने के लिए और भी दूसरे कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं, जिससे अरबन और रुरल पापुलेशन के अंदर शिक्षा बढ़े, लोग पढ़े लिखें, अच्छे बनें।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Status of expelled Members

*201. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain eventualities such as expulsion of Members from political parties have not been provided for in the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution; and

(b) if so, whether Government are contemplating to bring in any amendment in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no proposal to amend the Tenth Schedule to cover situations like expulsion of Members from political parties.

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†*206. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

SHRI JANARDAN DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.